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On *eſt un grand menteur.* French Proverb.

THE Letter of Signor BELLONI, Banker at Rome, being at preſent the chief ſubject of converſation, the world is, no doubt, in expectation to hear ſomething from our Society upon this extraordinary occaſion. To ſatisfy which, I was ordered to draw up the ſubſtance of what paſt in our laſt meeting upon the reading *The Hyp-Doctor* of tueſday, and *The Courant* and *The Free Briton* of thurſday laſt; in which this wonderful *Phænomenon* has been treated with great variety of learning, argument, wit, and language. —— The Society was much ſurprized at the ſecond of thoſe *Papers*, in which the Author pretending to have *obtained a true copy of a Declaration or Letter lately tranſmitted hither from Rome*, gives us a Paper ſigned BELLONI, in which there is not one ſentence the ſame with any contained in BELLONI's Letter printed in the *Free Briton* of the ſame day. This ſeemed to them *an extraordinary artifice and contrivance, a meer forgery, an idle ſcheme*, deſigned *to diſguiſe this affair, by turning it into ridicule*; and which might tend to leſſen the *contempt*, with which all perſons *ought to treat the Perſon of the Pretender, and his wicked Accomplices*; who, being found to be falſely charged with writing a ſham Letter, may not, perhaps, meet with that abhorrence and deteſtation which they juſtly deſerve on the account of that Letter, which they did really ſend. It was therefore thought proper, in the firſt place, to exhibit true copies, both of the original Letter in French, and of the tranſlation of it in Engliſh, as publiſhed by the Author of the *Free Briton*. But ſince the French, as printed in the *Free Briton*, was ſcarcely intelligible *by reaſon of a feveriſh illneſs, under which the Author laboured on wedneſday laſt*, it is here tranſcribed from *a perfect copy, given* by him in the *Whitehall Evening-Poſt* of ſaturday laſt: and for the greater eaſe of the reader, in comparing the French and the Engliſh together, to each ſentence in the former, the tranſlation in the latter is here ſubjoined.

Meſſieurs, *à Rome le 4me May*, 1732.

C'Eſt avec beaucoup de plaiſir que je profite d'une occaſion, qui s'eſt preſentée pour montrer mon eſtime, & mon affection pour la Nation Angloiſe, en contribuant à l'avantage de pluſieurs Particuliers de ce Royaume, & par conſequent à la ſatisfaction du Parlement, & de la Nation même.

Rome, the 4*th of May*, } 1732.
23*d of* April, }

Gentlemen,

'It is with much pleaſure, that *I* embrace an opportunity, which hath preſented itſelf, to ſhew *my* eſteem and *my* affection for the *Engliſh Nation*, in contributing to the advantage of many perſons of the ſaid Kingdom; and conſequently to the ſatisfaction of the Parliament, and of the Nation itſelf.

Comme les fraudes, qui ont eté commiſes dans l'Adminiſtration de la Compagnie Charitable, ont fait beaucoup de bruit par tout, On a eté icy *vivement touché des maux dont elles ont eté la cauſe*, & on *a ſenti l' intêret que la Nation avoit d'y remedier, ce qui ne pouvoit être effectué qu'en ſe ſaiſiſſant de la perſonne, des papiers, des livres, & des effets du Sieur* Thompſon, *à quoy le Parlement n'avoit pas encore pu parvenir.* —— 'As the frauds which 'have been commmitted in the management of the Charitable Corporation, have made much noiſe every where, 'we *have here* been touched in a lively manner with the 'evils which they have occaſioned; and *we are ſenſible* 'of the intereſt that the Nation hath in their remedy, 'which could not be effected, but by ſeizing of the perſon, the Papers, the books and effects of the Sieur *Thomſon*, to which the Parliament had not as yet been able to 'attain.

A cet effet comme on avoit eu avis, que le dit Thomſon *pourroit venir à* Rome *ſous un nom emprunté, on a pris les meſures neceſſaires, pour l'arrêter quand il y ſeroit arrivé, ce qui a eté executé.* —— 'To this purpoſe, as *We* 'had received advice, that the ſaid *Thomſon* might come 'to *Rome*, under a borrowed name, *we have taken* the 'neceſſary meaſures to arreſt him when he ſhould arrive, 'which hath been executed.

On s'eſt ſaiſi en même temps de ſes papiers, des lettres qu'il a reçu d'Angleterre depuis qu'il en etoit parti, des copies de lettres qu'il a ecrites à ſes confidens, & des notes de ſes affaires les plus ſecretes. — 'We *have ſeized* at the ſame 'time his Papers, the letters which he hath received from 'England ſince his departure from thence, the copies of 'letters which he hath written to his correſpondents, and 'the *memorandums* of his moſt ſecret affairs.

Il eſt à preſent luy même dans le Château de St. Ange; & a eté mis de cette façon dans une eſpece de neceſſité de decouvrir tout le miſtere de cette affaire; ce qu'il a fait amplement, en decouvrant non ſeulement les livres & les effets de la Compagnie, mais auſſi les ſiens propres. —— 'He himſelf is at preſent in the *Caſtle of S. Angelo*; and by this means is at preſent under a kind of 'neceſſity to diſcover the whole myſtery of this affair, 'which he hath amply done, by diſcovering not only the 'Corporation's books and effects, but alſo his own.

Cela etant fait, on m'a chargé *de communiquer cette importante decouverte à qui & où il conviendroit pour le bien & l' avantage de la Nation.* —— 'This having been 'done, *I have it in charge* to communicate this impor 'tant diſcovery to whom, and where, it may be proper 'for the good and advantage of the nation.

C'eſt pourquoy je depêche, *ſans delay, un Courier à un de mes correſpondens à* Paris, *avec tous les Papiers qui ont rapport à cette affaire, afin qu'il trouve les moyens de vous les faire remettre.* —— 'Tis on this account that *I diſ-* 'patch a Courier to one of my Correſpondents at *Paris*, 'with all the Papers which have relation to this affair; 'to the end that he may find the means of putting them 'into your hands.

Mais comme l'Equité exige *que les Proprietaires de la Compagnie Charitable (qui tireront un ſi grand avantage de cette decouverte) ſe prêtent à de certaines conditions, avant que les Papiers & les ecrits vous ſoient remis; j'ay ordonné à mon Correſpondent d'inſiſter que ces conditions ſoient préalablement accordeés, & de regarder, en attendant, ces ecrits comme un ſimple depôt entre ſes mains, ſans les en laiſſer ſortir juſqu' à ce que cela ſoit fait; & Je ne doute point que cette precaution auſſi bien que les conditions ne paroiſſent juſtes & raiſonnables à tous ceux qui ſont intereſſez dans cette affaire.* —— 'But as EQUITY *demands*, that 'the Proprietors of the Charitable Corporation (who will 'reap ſo great an advantage from this diſcovery) ſhould 'yield to certain conditions, before that the Papers and 'writings be delivered to you, I have ordered my cor- 'reſpondent to *inſiſt*, that theſe conditions be previouſly 'agreed to: and in the mean time to look upon theſe 'writings *meerly as a pledge in his hands*, without ſuf- 'fering them to paſs from him, untill this be done. 'And I doubt not, that this precaution, as well as the 'conditions, does appear juſt and reaſonable to all who are 'intereſted in this affair.

M'etant ainſi acquitté de ma Commiſſion *il ne me reſte qu' à vous prier d'être perſuadé de mon reſpect pour la Nation, & de l'envie que j'auray toujours de contribuer à ſon avantage. J'ay l'honneur d'etre,*

Meſſieurs, Votres très humble, & très Obeiſſant ſerviteur,
JEAN ANGE BELLONI.

'Having thus *acquitted myſelf of my commiſſion*, nothing 'remains for me, but to intreat you to be perſuaded of my '*reſpect for the Nation*, and the *ambition which I ſhall* 'always have to contribute to its advantage. I have the 'honour to be, Gentlemen,

'Your moſt humble, and moſt obedient ſervant,
'JOHN ANGELO BELLONI.

A Meſſieurs, Meſſieurs du Committé du Parlement d'Angleterre établi ſur les affaires de la Corporation Charitable; ou ſi le dit Committé ne ſubſiſte plus, à Meſſieurs le Chevalier Robert Sutton, *le Chevalier* Jean Shadwell, Walter Moleſworth, *Docteur* Jean Mowbray, *ou à quelqu'un d'eux, à Londres.*

'To the Gentlemen of the Committee of the Parlia- 'ment of England, appointed for the affairs of the Cha- 'ritable Corporation, or if the ſaid Committee does not 'ſubſiſt, to Sir *Robert Sutton*, Sir *John Shadwell*, *Wal- 'ter Moleſworth*, Doctor *John Mowbray*, or to any one of 'them, at London.

Concerning the Particle *On*, and the tranſlation of it by *We*, the learned Mr. WALSINGHAM has added the follow- ing obſervations. 'In the Tranſlation the Particle *On* '(which makes a great figure, and is a *Gentleman of no 'ſmall importance*, through the whole letter) is rendered 'in the *firſt perſon*, though equivocal, and though it may be 'uſed either in the *firſt*, or *third*, or for *people in general*. 'RICHELET's Dictionary, the Folio edition of 1728, 'hath this obſervation concerning this Particle, viz ON is "uſed in a modern ſenſe in the firſt Perſon, *I*; for, in- "inſtead of ſaying JE SOUPERAI A VOS INTERETS, *I will* "*take care of your intereſts*; I may very well ſay, in "writing or ſpeaking familiarly, *On ſongera a vos interets*, "*On aura ſoin de vous*; which, if not thus uſed for the "*firſt* perſon, would be underſtood in the *third*, or in a "more general ſenſe, *Your intereſts will be taken care of.*" Pag. 2. Col. 2. —— 'I may remark upon this Tranſla- 'tion, that the Letter is divided into *two parts*, the *firſt* 'of which runs in the Particle *On*, and is in the ſtyle of 'great authority; for which reaſon *On* hath been rendred 'in the *firſt perſon plural*, or the *ſtyle Royal*. The 'ſecond part uſes the Particle *Je*, or *I*, *the firſt perſon ſingular*, 'and is writ in the ſtyle and character of a *private* 'Banker at *Rome*. Pag. 3. Col. 1.'

Mr. SPONDER ſtood up firſt, and ſaid, Mr. Preſident, This is the firſt Letter in which ON ever *made a great figure*, and appeared as *a Gentleman of no ſmall importance*. In all other places where I have ever ſeen him, which I have done above five thouſand times, he always ſeemed to be no more than a perſonal indeterminate Pronoun. As to his Family it is indeed very ancient, his name being derived from *Homme*, which by a corruption, to which all names are ſubject, has been changed into *On*. In ancient times the public Criers begun their proclamations by HOM *fait ſçavoir*, inſtead of ON *fait ſçavoir*. He afterwards gained the force of a collective noun, repreſenting ſeveral uncertain and indefinite perſons, either in the firſt or third perſon plural. I have often thought it very probable, that the Engliſh Phraſe in the ſingular number, *One cannot imagine*, and the like, were derived from the French *On ne peut imaginer*, &c, but however, this is certain, that the phraſes ſo much in vogue among my learned Brethren the News Writers, *They write, They adviſe*, and the HYP-ORATORICAL Phraſe, *We hear*, which appears conſtantly in the Daily Papers, are moſt properly tranſlated into French by *On*. So that it is certain, that the Particle *On* may be uſed for the *firſt* or the *third* perſon plural. —— And it is as certain, that it may likewiſe be uſed for the *firſt perſon* ſingular; of which the authority of RICHELET, produced by my Brother WALSINGHAM, is a full proof. But then he has produced it in ſuch a manner, that it is juſtly to be ſuſpected, that he had it at ſecond hand from One who underſtood but little of the French Language. RICHELET's words are, ON *ſe met en un ſens nouveau* pour *la premiere perſonne* Je, &c. which is here falſly tranſlated, ON *is uſed in a modern ſenſe* IN *the firſt perſon* I, &c. inſtead of FOR *the firſt perſon*. And whereas Mr. WALSINGHAM ſays juſt before, that *it may be uſed, either* IN *the firſt or third*, &c. (which by the way ſhews this miſtake to be no error of the preſs) it is abſolutely falſe: for ON is never uſed *in* the *firſt* perſon, but is always joined to a verb of the *third* perſon ſingular. —— But not to inſiſt any longer on this miſtake, I beg leave to obſerve, that when M. RICHELET affirms, that ON *is uſed for the firſt perſon* ſingular, he immediately adds this reſtriction, *in writing or ſpeaking familiarly*; and that Father BUFIER aſſerts, that it is never ſo uſed but *en riant*, or out of modeſty: all which, tho' conſiſtent enough with *the ſtyle and character of a private Banker*, are altogether inconſiſtent with *the ſtyle of great authority*. And therefore it is ſomething ſtrange, that in the Tranſlation, '*On* hath been rendered in the *firſt Per-* '*ſon Plural*, or the *ſtyle Royal*': and ſtranger, that M. RICHELET's authority has been brought to ſupport it. He ſays, ON *is uſed for the firſt perſon ſingular:* the inference is, Therefore it is uſed for the firſt perſon plural, or the *ſtyle Royal.*— I allow indeed, that it is uſed for the firſt perſon plural, and may be tranſlated by *We:* but then this *We* muſt ſignify ſeveral uncertain and indefinite perſons, and never one certain perſon as in any authority. Marſhal TURENNE firſt introduced Monſieur ON at the French Court: where tho' this *Gentleman* was well received, yet the King never gave him any Commiſſion to repreſent his perſon. That was always done by Monſieur *Nous*, as the King here in England is by Mr. WE: and I challenge my learned Brother WALSINGHAM to produce one inſtance, where Monſieur ON ever appeared *as the ſtyle of great* authority, and declaring the Royal Pleaſure of the Grand Monarch.

[*To be continued.*]

Gentlemen,

Of eſteem and affection this fallacious protence
Our loyalty attacks; this Propoſal, common ſenſe.
Much ſhould we be wanting to ourſelves, did we not ſhow
A proper reſentment; and let *all* the World know,

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That, tho' of our property moſt notoriouſly *fobb'd*,
Of underſtanding and principles we have not been robb'd.
I know not, *nor care*, what *things* may be in the Trunk;
But as it comes from the hands of the Babyloniſh Punk,
I think, if we take it, we ſhall ſoon be Pœnitentes:
For my part, Timeo Danaos & dona ferentes.
This Trunk may *probably* be a *new* Pandora's box,
full of Peſtilence, Popery, Pretender, and Pox.

Let us ſhew *the Rogues at Rome*, that we Engliſh men *at* London
Are honeſt and loyal, tho' we're *ruin'd and* undone.

BAVIUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *June* 1.

They write from Roan in France, that Geo. Cammock, Eſq; the Engliſh Major General, who ſerv'd in that quality his Catholic Majeſty for ſeveral years, and came from Spain with his Lady and his family about a twelvemonth ago to France, died in that city, June 3, N. S. as it is believed of grief, from the ill treatment he had met with. He was by all allow'd a brave and moſt experienced Sea Officer. *D P.*

On tueſday laſt his Majeſty's plate of 100 guineas was run for at Guildford in Surrey, when 7 [horſes] ſtarted, which was won by Mr. Ket'le's Barrowſhedges. *P.*

Their Royal Highneſſes the Princeſs Amelia aud Carolina have been taken ill with the chicken pox. *S J.*

Yeſterday the report of the 9 Maleſactors, condemn'd the laſt Seſſions at the Old Bailey was made to his Majeſty. *S J.* — To morrow it is expected the report of the Maleſactors, &c. will be made to his Majeſty. *W E.*

By a letter from Nottingham, dated May 29, we are adviſ'd, that Will. Levins of Grove, Eſq; and Tho. Bennett of Nottingham, Eſq; were that day choſe Members of Parliament without oppoſition, in the room of L. How and Sir Rob. Sutton. *S J.*

They write from Sunderland, that by a Maſter of a ſhip arrived from London, they had received the following particulars, that 5 light Collier ſhips coming from London, were caſt away on the coaſt of Yorkſhire; that he ſaw 2 of them with their bottoms beat out againſt the rocks. *D P.*

Some evenings ago about 9 o' clock Mr. Ockell, an Apothecary in Pater-noſter-row, was robb'd by a perſon on foot, as he was coming from Holloway, where he had been to viſit a patient. He was attack'd within a quarter of a mile of the houſe where he had been. The rogue took from him his cloak, coat, hat and wig, and the buckles out of his ſhoes, with what money he had in his pocket. Mr. Ockell pleaded hard for a medicine in the pocket of his coat, he being in a very ill ſtate of health, which the rogue denied him, ſaying, he might have occaſion for it himſelf. *P.* — *I ſhould have thought he would rather have forc'd him to take it immediately.*

Laſt week one Stephen Bliſs, a Baker of Painſwick in Glouceſterſhire, pull'd off his cloaths, and jump'd into a well and drown'd himſelf; there were 10 or 15 pounds found, which he had laid by the ſide of the well: he was worth 6 or 700 l. and generally thought to be lunatic for the greater part of his life. *D P.*

On friday laſt died Mr. Tho. Bryquett, Tobacconiſt in Friday-ſtreet, who, after leaving ſeveral handſome legacies, deviſed his whole eſtate (computed at 30,000 l.) to his nephew John Bryquett, Eſq; a Gentleman of the Law. *D P.* —— On monday died Miſs Jackſon, a rich Heireſs at Horſham in Suſſex. *C.*

FRIDAY, *June* 2.

Yeſterday his Majeſty went to the Houſe of Peers, and made a moſt gracious ſpeech to both Houſes of Parliament, and gave the Royal aſſent to ſeveral public and private acts. *D J.* —— To 24 public, and 28 private Bills. *D P.* —— And prorogued the Parliament to Thurſday July 27. *C.* &c. —— His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Tho. Clutterbuck, Eſq; to be one of the Lords of the Admiralty, in the room of John Cockburne, Eſq; who has reſigned. *P.*

On wedneſday laſt the Treaſurer of the public Infirmary in Chappel-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, received from a worthy Benefactor, who deſired to have his name concealed, a bank bill of 100 l. for the uſe of that charity. *C.*

On wedneſday Mr. Watſon of S. Margaret's, Weſtminſter, was choſen Clerk of the Company of Gardeners. *P.*

Yeſterday was marry'd, at S. Paul's Church John Walton, Eſq; to Mrs. Jacobſon, daughter of Sir Jacob Jacobſon, and Grand-daughter of Sir Gilbert Heathcote, a Lady of good fortune and great merit. *D P.* — Great fortune and great merit *ſounds better.*

Chriſtened Males 157. Females 137. In all 294. — *Buried* Males 176. Females 173. In all 349. Decreaſed in the burials this week, 35. *P.*

SATURDAY, *June* 3.

Yeſterday his Majeſty held a Chapter of the moſt ancient order of the Thiſtle, when he was pleaſed to give to the R. Hon. the E. of Portmore, the green Ribbon, late the E. of Loudon's. —— His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Sam. Tuffnell, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Colcheſter, to be his Majeſty's Commiſſioner at Antwerp. *P.* —— Major Ric. Harwood is appointed Lieut. Col. to Maj. Gen. Biſſet's Regiment of foot, in the room of Lieut. Col. Pet. Betteſworth, lately made Deputy Governor of the Iſland of Jerſey. *D P.*

Yeſterday the R. Hon. the L. Chancellor, the L. Raymond, the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, Sir John Hinde Cotton, and Mr. Hanbury, Truſtees of the Cotton Library, order'd the ſaid Library to be removed from the new Dormitory at Weſtminſter, into the old Dormitory (which is fitting up for that purpoſe) to be there repoſited till a new edifice ſhall be erected for the reception thereof; which we hear will be very ſpeedily begun, purſuant to the addreſs of the Houſe of Commons. *C.*

On wedneſday his Excellency Count Kinſki, his Imperial Majeſty's Ambaſſador at this Court, ſet out on his return home, with a great retinue. *P.*

Laſt night the new Comedy call'd, *The Old Debauchees*, and *The Covent-Garden Tragedy*, were acted for the firſt time, at the Theatre Royal in Drury-lane, with univerſal applauſe. *D P.* —— We were partly miſinform'd as to the reception of the two Pieces play'd on thurſday night laſt, at the Theatre Royal in Drury-lane: we are aſſur'd the Comedy call'd, *The Old Debauchees*, did meet with univerſal applauſe; but the *Covent-Garden Tragedy* will be acted no more, both the Author and the Actors, being unwilling to continue any Piece contrary to the opinion of the Town. *DP. June* 5. — *For* unwilling *read* unable.

Yeſterday Major Gen. Ruſſel kiſs'd the King's hand on his being appointed Dep. Governor of Berwick, and of Holy Iſland. *S J. L E.*

A few days ſince died the Rev. Will. Owens, M. A. Rector of Warden, and Vicar of Leyſdown in the dioceſe of Canterbury; the former is in the gift of the heirs of Admiral Hoſier, and the latter in that of the L. Archbiſhop of Canterbury. *S J. W E. L E.*

On ſunday laſt died the R. Worſhipful Tho. Allen, L. L. D. Dean of Cheſter, Archdeacon of Stafford, &c. — On thurſday, at his houſe in Old Palace-yard, Weſtm. the learned and Rev. Edmund Calamy, D. D. —— Yeſterday morning, about 10, Mr. Wingfield, a Quaker, walking on the Royal-Exchange, fell down dead in an apoplectic fit. *D P.*

On tueſday dy'd at Chelſea, in the 81ſt year of his age, Dr. John King, Miniſter of the Church there. —— Yeſterday morning, at Highgate, Mr. Norris, formerly a Bookſeller on London-Bridge, reckon'd to have dy'd worth 10,000 l. the chief of which was acquir'd by —— and lending out his money. — *L E.* — *Did he* acquire *it* by *worſe ways than all other* Book-ſellers, *that he is thus* double daſh'd?

MONDAY, *June* 5.

On ſaturday about 1, his Majeſty, attended by ſeveral of the Nobility, went in his chair to Whitehall, [to the Lord Herbert's. *D J.*] where he croſt the water to Lambeth in one of the Royal Barges, and proceeded from thence in his open chaiſe, [in his coach. *D J.*] to Greenwich, eſcorted by a detachment of the Life Guards; His Majeſty immediately embarked on board the Carolina Yacht, where a ſumptuous [elegant. *D P.*] dinner was provided. At his going on board, his Majeſty was ſaluted by all the Royal Yachts and ſhips at Greenwich; and there was a very great appearance of the Nobility and other Perſons of diſtinction, to take their leaves of his Majeſty. Before 6 they were all under ſail; [at 20 minutes after 6. *P.*] but there being but little wind, they were tow'd by the boats as far as Woolwich. *C.* —— On ſaturday in the afternoon her Majeſty, his Royal Highneſs the Duke, and the Princeſs Royal, and the Princeſſes Mary and Louiſa, ſet out for Richmond; and the ſame evening his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales ſet out for Kew. *C. D P. D J.* —— The Princeſſes Amelia and Carolina being indiſpos'd, their Royal Highneſſes ſtay at S. James's 'till their health will permit them to remove. *P.*

His Majeſty has been pleas'd to appoint the Rev. Mr. Dawney, A M. ſon to the R. Hon. the L. Downs, to be one of the Prebendaries of Canterbury, void by the death of the laſt incumbent. *P.* — John Wainright of Lincoln's-Inn, Eſq; is made one of the Juſtices of the Court of Common-Pleas in Ireland. *D P.* —— On wedneſday Sam. Clarke, Eſq; of Weſt-Bromwich in the County of Stafford, was ſworn one of the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's moſt Hon. Privy Chamber. *D J.*

A few days ſince, Sir Rowland Hill, Bar. a young Gentleman of 8000 l. a year, was married to Miſs Broughton, only daughter of the late Sir Bryan Broughton, Bar. of Broughton in the County of Stafford, a young Lady of great virtue, beauty, and merit, worth 30,000 l. fortune. *D J.*

TUESDAY, *June* 6.

Her Majeſty will continue at Kew Green 'till ſhe has advice of the King's being arriv'd in Holland. *C.* —— Yeſterday advice came of the ſafe arrival of his Majeſty and all the Royal Yatchts at the Nore, [his Majeſty got to ſea about 2 on ſunday in the afternoon, tho' they were oblig'd to tow moſt part to the Buoy. *P.*] where his Majeſty was ſaluted with 21 guns by all the men of war under the command of the L. Viſc Torrington; and likewiſe ſaluted with 21 guns from the garriſon of Sheerneſs. *D P.*

On ſunday laſt, a Lady of diſtinction, much talk'd of lately about S. James's, was ſafely deliver'd of a ſon. *P.* — Yeſterday morning. *L E.*

We hear that ſoon after the arrival of the R. Hon. the L. Torrington from Holland, ſeveral ſhips of war will be put into commiſſion. *C.*

On ſaturday night, about 10. *C. P. D P.* On ſunday night, about 10, Capt. Rob. Saunders, Commander of the Ruby, was attack'd about 200 yards on this ſide of New Croſs, by 2 Foot-pads, who came out of a ditch, one of whom ſwore, and at the ſame inſtant fir'd at him; the ball entered the ſide of his right breaſt, and grazed on the bone, went out near the pit of his ſtomach; when a third [footpad *I ſuppoſe*] came on the other ſide the horſe, and ſeized the bridle, and then they knoc ed him off, and dragged him up a lane which leads to Peckham, where they rifled him: they ſtaid by him till they had recharged, and commanded him to ſit there till he heard them whiſtle: but in half a quarter of an hour they came back to him, and one of them taking pity on him, prevailed on the reſt to let him go, giving him a ſhilling for a coach. The Captain getting to the Half-way houſe found his horſe again, and having had ſome refreſhment, he mounted, and coming to his brother's (a Diſtiller in Thames-ſtreet) Mr. Girle, an eminent Surgeon, was ſent for (who dreſſing the wound, found a piece of his coat and waiſt-coat in it) and yeſterday he was in a fair way of recovery. *D J.* They robbed him of 2 guineas, ſome ſilver and his watch. *P.* Of his money and a gold Watch valued at 30 guineas. *C. D P.* And afterwards ſhot him in the thigh. *D P.*

Yeſterday the 9 Maleſactors condemned at the laſt Seſſions at the Old Bailey were executed at Tyburn; and two of their bodies were delivered to the Surgeons. *C. DP.* —— One was delivered to the Surgeons, and the other lay under the gallows for ſome time, and was afterwards buried by the mob in a ditch in Acton road. *D J.*

Yeſterday 2 Drums belonging to the firſt Regiment of Foot-guards, were whipt on the Parade in S. James's Park, for going about a begging with their drums on weddings, contrary to the rules of the Army. *P.* — *This account of the* 2 Drums, *that went* about with their Drums, *ſeems to be given by a* Hum-Drum.

On ſaturday Col. Inwood, of Stanmore in Middleſex, was marry'd to Miſs Bridges, Niece to the D. of Chandos, at his Grace's houſe in S. James's ſquare. *D P.*

York, May 29. This evening a little before 10, the grave of Will. de Melton, Archbiſhop of York, was open'd; it was near the Font, a vault cover'd with 6 large ſtones, when one of them was lifted up from over the breaſt a moſt beautiful large ſilver chalice appeared, upon which was curiouſly engraved a crucifix: he had firſt been put in a lead coffin, and then in one made of wood, both of which were much decayed. *D P.*

On wedneſday laſt a lad, ſon of Mr. Barnardiſton, a wholeſale Linnen-draper, lately deceaſed, was killed by a blow on his ear which he received accidentally with a nine-pin bowl at Chiſlehurſt in Suſſex. *D P.* In Kent. *C.*

On ſaturday dy'd Dr. Francis Meade, in the 64th year of his age. —— Yeſterday morning at his lodgings in Wich-ſtreet, Tho. Leigh, Eſq; a Gentleman of a very plentiful eſtate in Somerſetſhire. *P.*

The Rev. Mr. John Swinton, A. M. Fellow of Wadham College, Oxon. and F. R. S. was lately appointed by his Majeſty Chaplain to the Britiſh Factory at Leghorn, &c. *S J.*

This day came an account of his Majeſty being put into Sheerneſs, waiting for a wind. *S J.*

WEDNESDAY, *June* 7.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Lieut. Gen. Wade to be Governor of the town of Berwick upon Tweed, and of Holy Iſland. —— Major Gen. Ruſſel to be Lieut. Governor. —— Col. Tho. Howard to be Aide de Camp to his Majeſty. —— The Rev. Mr. Tho. Brooke, M. A. to be Dean of Cheſter: And the Rev. Cha. Meredith, to be Dean of Ardfert in the Kingdom of Ireland. *C.* —— Ardfert. *P. D P.* — A Commiſſion has paſſed the Great Seal, conſtituting Col. Kane Governor of Minorca. *C.*

There has lately arrived from Genoa 50 land tortoiſes as a preſent to her Majeſty. *C.*

Yeſterday Mr. Alderman Barber was tranſlated from the Company of Stationers to that of the Goldſmiths. *P. D J.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

In our laſt, in the Article from this place, *line* 27. *read* her longing: *line* 50 *read* no honeſter.

It is reported that the late Earl of Marr is dead.

SIR,

AS Dramatical performances come under the cognizance of your Society, I hope, without any apology, you'll give this letter a place in your next.

The depravity of modern taſte has been long complained of; and ſeveral Dramatic performances have been inſtanced in to prove that depravity. I thought this only the bigotted opinion of ſome peeviſh old Gentlemen, who commend every thing of the laſt age, and condemn every thing of the preſent. I entered into a diſpute on this ſubject the other evening with a Gentleman of the Temple, who eſteems it a more amiable Character to be a man of wit and pleaſure, than a great Lawyer. After I had urged all the common arguments againſt our preſent theatrical taſte, and he had ſpoken as ſtrenuouſly in the defence of it. Sir, ſays he, there is a fine burleſque Piece to be played to night at Drury-lane; which, for pointed ſatire, true humour, and mock heroick, will exceed any thing that ever appeared on the ſtage. It is founded on as good a ſubject as the *Beggars Opera*; and I aſſure you, the moral is as inſtructive. In ſhort, he urged our theatrical taſte was rather improved than depraved; and engaged me to go with him to ſee it the next evening.

But, Mr. BAVIUS, how was I ſurprized to ſee the moſt notorious Bawds, Pimps, and Whores, brought on the ſtage to pleaſe as polite an audience as I ever ſaw for the time of the year. My Man of pleaſure was not only very buſy in explaining the beauties of the language, but the ſecret hiſtory, the reality of the characters, and ſome perſonal ſcandal. I obſerved there were ſeveral young fellows in the pit and boxes ſmiling, and mightily pleaſed at ſome paſſages; which, tho' they knew the meaning of them, were entirely miſunderſtood by three parts of the audience. It gave me ſome ſatisfaction to ſee ſo many too ignorant to reliſh the archneſs of the Poet, and dull enough not to applaud the wit they did not underſtand.

After an *Epilogue* entirely adapted to the Play, and liſtening to ſome different whiſpers in the pit, of Critics, Wits, Men of pleaſure, &c. as my companion and I were returning to his Chambers, coming along the Play-houſe paſſage, a Lady of his acquaintance trip'd out of an adjoining Coffee-houſe, and clapping him on the ſhoulder, accoſted him with two lines of this new Piece. He replied in two others, which, tho' I've forgot, were in the character of LOVEGIRLO; and then they very lovingly hurried into the Roſe.

I had ſeen too much in the Play-houſe to follow them, and went to a Coffee-houſe to examine, whether there was any thing in this *Covent Garden Tragedy*, that could lay the leaſt claim to wit, or deſerve any encouragement from the Town. I muſt ſubmit it to all men of ſenſe, whether that can paſs for humour, which is only the dull repreſentation of the moſt obſcene characters in life; and humour is the only thing the Poet can pretend to boaſt. Were it ſo, I doubt not but every Drury-lane Bully might make a humourous Poet: for ſurely he could very naturally deſcribe a ſcene of life in which he was always converſant; nor is there the moſt ſtupid wretch but might paſs for a Wit, would he gain that name at the expence of all decency, as well as innocence.

Where is the humour of the Bawdy-houſe ſcene to any but a Rake? Or that of HACKABOUTA and STORMANDRA to any women, but thoſe of the Town? Theſe indeed, may ſmile to ſee how naturally the Poet enters into their characters; but the joke is entirely loſt to all others. — As to the mock Heroic, the lines are bad, nor any thing to recommend the numerous ſimilies. The ſucceſs of this Piece will determine whether the age is fallen to the loweſt ebb; for I ſhould entertain but a bad opinion of the intellects of that Man, or chaſtity of that Woman, who would give the leaſt encouragement to the moſt dull obſcene Piece, that, I may venture to ſay, ever appeared on any public ſtage.

Tom's Coffee-houſe, Covent-Garden, June 3. PROSAICUS.

Grub-ſtreet Verſes for the tenth of June.

On this bleſt day, as Jacobites recite,
S. GEORGE's CHEVALIER firſt view'd the light:
But Whigs declare, that not one lucid ſpark
[redacted]Then ſhone; but all was acted in the dark.
Some ſay, the Queen no breeding qualms perceiv'd,
But o'er her belly plac'd a cuſhion heav'd:
Some, that tho' pregnant, yet abortive pain
Made all her hopes of living Offspring vain.
Others affirm, that after 9 months paſt,
A Female Infant came in mighty haſte:
For which, a Male, in warming-pan convey'd,
By artful hand in Royal bed was lay'd.
This Boy, as ſome believ'd, ſoon after dy'd:
But one as greatly born his place ſupply'd.
At Richmond this expir'd, ſaid common Fame;
A Third ſucceeds, another, yet the ſame.
Of all the tales, which up and down were toſt,
The Boy in velvet warming-pan took moſt.
Of Lady OGLETHORP, this Lad, ſome ſay,
Was born; but ſome affirm of Miſtreſs GRAY:
To each one perſon equal witneſs bore:
This, Mr. FULLER; that Miſs SHAFTOE ſwore.
If at one time, you'll ſay, as Papiſts tell,
One body may in different places dwell,
Why, from a fruitful, tho' a different womb,
Of two fair Mothers, may'nt one Off-ſpring come?
Such miracles let Papiſts ſtill deceive:
I'm a ſtanch Proteſtant, and can't believe.
A private man, I own, or Prince has had
Sometimes a double, or a treble Dad:
But I'll be hang'd, before I'll own that ſham,
That e'er one Child can have a double Dam.

MÆVIUS.

Extract of a letter from Barbadoes, *dated Ap.* 5. —— Many of our inhabitants are on the ſpur, ſome going off with their families, and others talking of going every day; which undoubtedly will very much leſſen the number of our inhabitants, never ſo thin in my memory, as at this time. *P.* 2.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *June* 1.

Extract of a letter from Algier, Ap. 18. O. S. — A Dutch Galliot arrived here a few days ago with hemp, which theſe people work up into very good cordage, by the help of ſome Renegadoes, and being taught by them, the Dey is determined to make all his cordage here for the future, and improve his ſubjects in whatever concerns their navigation. — The French, by the indolence of other nations, have now prevail'd on the Dey to grant them the monopoly of all the trade on the coaſt, from about 20 leagues eaſtward of this City, as far as Tunis, which comprehends the moſt fertile and richeſt part of this Kingdom, abounding with wheat, barley, honey, wax, oil, wool, hides, tallow, coral, &c. and by this grant the French are impower'd to ſeize and confiſcate all they find trading in that diſtrict, without their licence; and they have goods of all ſorts there for near two thirds leſs than can be purchaſed here of the Dey; ſo that the trade of this Kingdom muſt in a little time be entirely in their hands. *DJ.*

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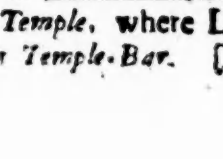

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